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UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. 05/95-16LA

ENDORSEMENT FOR CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES TRAVEL AND TOURISM ADMINISTRATION

- WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET), is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-one (21) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS, USET is governed by a Board of Directors constituted of two delegates designated by each member tribe and the actions taken by the Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe; and
- WHEREAS, tourism has been recognized as an important element of tribal economic development by USET, especially with the high level of interest in Native Americans by foreign visitors to the United States; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Travel and Tourism Administration within the Department of Commerce has played an invaluable role in promoting tourism to Indian Country to the international market; and
- WHEREAS, the USTTA is one of few federal programs which generates billions of dollars in revenue to the economy of the United States by promoting foreign visitation to the United States; and
- WHEREAS, USET is very concerned the failure to fund the USTTA will have a strong adverse economic impact on already economically depressed tribes which are just beginning to develop tourism programs and which rely on USTTA for international marketing support, valuable research statistics and tourism program development guidance,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors requests Congress to reconsider elimination of the United States Travel and Tourism Administration and provide adequate funding until a successor public-private organization can be established to implement an enhanced program to market the United States as an international destination. Such an organization is expected to be proposed by the 1995 White House Conference on Travel and Tourism.

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CERTIFICATION

This resol	lution wa	as duly	passed	at the	Board	of Directors	meeting at	which	a quorum	was
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Keller George, President

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Philip Tarbell, Secretary

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